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## *County Business Patterns, 1996 and 1997 on CD-ROM*  [machine-readable data file] / prepared by the Bureau of the Census. -Washington: The Bureau [producer and distributor], 1999.

### TYPE OF FILE

Summary statistics.

### UNIVERSE DESCRIPTION

The universe is all business establishments with one or more paid employees.  Data are not included for agriculture production, railroad, most government, or household employment.  Data are tabulated by detailed industry based on the revised 1987 Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) designations.  (Data for the 1987 County Business Patterns and earlier years were based on the 1972 SIC designations.)

### SUBJECT-MATTER DESCRIPTION

This file provides data on total number of establishments, mid-March employment, first quarter and annual payroll, and number of establishments by employment-size classes.  Whereas data in County Business Patterns reports are not shown for SIC's with fewer than 100 employees in a given area, there is no such restriction on the data files.  This series excludes governmental establishments classified in the covered industries except for depository institutions, federal and federally-sponsored credit agencies, as well as liquor stores and wholesale liquor establishments operated by State and local governments.  All government hospitals are included beginning with 1989 data.

### GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

United States, 50 States, the District of Columbia, and counties.  Data for Puerto Rico is released only in publication format.

### TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

File Medium:  Compact Disk-Read Only Memory (CD-ROM).
File Structure:  dBASE III+™
File Names:  U.S. Summary data -  CBP96US.DBF and CBP97US.DBF; index files:
        US[YR]SIC2.NDX and US[YR]SIC4.NDX

State data - CBP96ST.DBF and CBP97ST.DBF; index files:
 ST[YR]STSI.NDX and ST[YR]SIST.NDX

County data - CBP96[ST].DBF and CBP97[ST].DBF; index files:
 [ST][YR]COSI.NDX and [ST][YR]SICO.NDX

See Record Layouts for a complete description of the index files.

File Sort Sequence:

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| U.S. Summary | By 2-, 3- and 4-digit SIC code |
| State | FIPS State code by 2-, 3- and 4-digit SIC code |
| County | FIPS State code and FIPS county code by 2-, 3- and 4-digit SIC code |

## REFERENCE MATERIALS

*County Business Patterns, 1996* and *1997 on CD-ROM Technical Documentation*.  The documentation contains this abstract, other information about the file, a glossary, and data dictionaries.  One copy accompanies each file order.  The documentation is also available in ASCII format on the CD-ROM.  For further ordering information, contact Marketing Services Office, Customer Services Center, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233.  Phone:  (301) 457-4100.

## RELATED PRINTED REPORTS

*County Business Patterns, 1996* and *County Business Patterns, 1997*.  Fifty-three reports were issued for each year:  one for each State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and a U.S. Summary. These reports are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.  Price varies by report.  Contact Customer Services (301) 457-4100 for ordering information.  These reports also are available on the Census Bureau's Internet site at *http://www.census.gov/*

## RELATED DISKETTE FILES

County Business Patterns data for 2-digit SIC's (1988-1997) are also available on 3-1/2" diskettes in an IBM PC format.  For further information, contact Customer Services, (301) 457-4100.

## RELATED TAPE FILES

State and county data are available separately on computer tape for each census geographic division by individual year, 1974-1997.  The U.S. Summary and SMSA files are sold together by year(s) for 1975-1978, and U.S. Summaries only for 1979-1997.  County Business Patterns files for the most recent years can be ordered from Customer Services.  Contact the National Archives (Telephone:  301-713-6630) for ordering and pricing information for data years prior to 1988.

## FILE AVAILABILITY

The CD-ROM may be ordered from Customer Services using the order form on the following page.  For further information, contact Customer Services.